

Abstract

5 A method, system and agent for exchanging the Third Generation
Partnership Project (3GPP) Technical Specification document number a first node
uses, with a second node of the network, so that subsequent communications can
be properly carried between the nodes. The first node may be an agent and the
second node may be a manager of a management system. The manager sends a
GetXXXIRPVersion request message, a GetNotificationCategories request
message, or a GetNetworkResourceSchemeId request message, to which the agent
10 responds with an abridged version of the 3GPP TS document number the agent
uses in this type of communications, so that the manager is informed of the
protocol employed by the agent and can expect communications of the type
indicated by the agent.